

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 11, 1959

Mr. Robert E. Lord, Curator  
The Fort William Henry Corporation  
R.F.D. 1  
Gloversville, New York

Dear Mr. Lord:

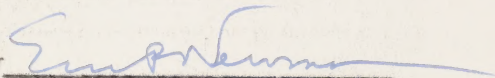
If you believe it would be interesting to have an example of the copper coin made by Thomas Machin at his mill in Newburgh, New York, during its operation in the 1787-1788 period, this organization will be glad to lend one to the museum on indefinite loan. The coins made by the Machin partnership were imitations of British halfpence usually with dates when genuine British halfpence were not issued.

If it would be in the public interest, please advise and it will be promptly arranged.

Very truly yours,

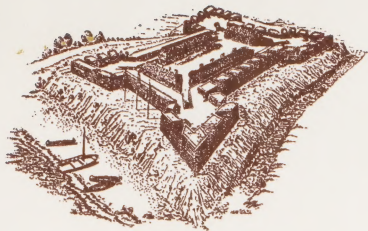
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Mr. Eric. P. Newman  
Eric. P. Newman Numismatic Ed. Soc.  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis 5, Missouri


Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter of March 11, 1959. the loan of one of the Machin coins would be great interest in this area. This is New York States Year of history and I had planned on making a exhibit of local trades and this would indeed be a unknown occupation by one of New Yorks early settlers.

We plan on doing additional work at the fort this year and if we locate any duplicate coins we will be glad send you some of these if they would be of interest in your museum?. these coins are of course dated before 1758. Many of them were minted in Mexico by the spanish and apparently used be the British for payment to the frontier troops.

Very truly yours,

Fort William Hnery Corp.

  
Robert E. Lord



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 3, 1959

Mr. Robert E. Lord, Curator  
Fort William Henry Corporation  
P.O. Box 788  
Lake George, New York.

Dear Mr. Lord:

In connection with the celebration of New York State's Year of History we are glad to lend for an indefinite period for exhibition in Fort William Henry a 1787 copper coin minted in New York State. The specimen enclosed is an imitation British halfpence made by Thomas Machin and his associates on the property of Governor George Clinton on the shore of Orange Lake (the Great Pond) near Newburgh, New York where they operated a copper coining mint without authorization from 1787 through 1789. British halfpence dated 1775 and prior dates were in circulation in America after the American Revolution and for that reason this style of coin was copied by the diemakers and producers of this 1787 coin. The State of New York had no law prohibiting the coining of coppers within the State and therefore the sale of these coins was lawful. There were regulations as to the circulation of coppers, but those were not enforced.

It would be appreciated if you would be kind enough to acknowledge the loan of this item and to place it on exhibit with appropriate explanation.

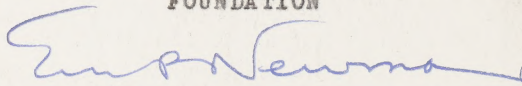
If in the course of excavation of the Fort you locate any coins which would be of interest please let us know and we will be glad to give you such historical detail concerning them as you may wish.

We are glad to have the opportunity to make the public aware of this interesting historical item.

Very truly yours,

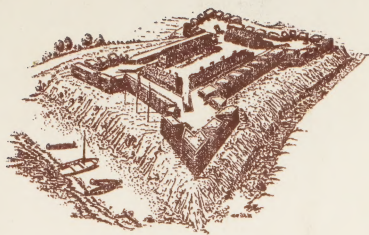
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Eric P. Newman  
Numismatic Education Foundation  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I wish to thank you for the Thomas Machin coin. This letter will serve as an acknowledgment of it's receipt.

We will place this coin in our museum along with the history which you have given us in your letter.

I am sorry that I have not written you sooner but this is our busiest season and we are busy preparing the museum for the opening day which is May first.

I trust your article on Thomas Machins progresses as expected and I am looking forward to a copy of the book when it is published.

Sincerely yours,

FORT WILLIAM HENRY CORP.

*Robert E. Lord*  
Robert E. Lord  
Curator

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GENERAL STORE  
GOLF COURSE AND  
MT. TRAILS

SANDY BEACH  
ELECTRIC KITCHENS  
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## LORD'S LAKE FRONT COTTAGES

*Canada Lake, N. Y.*

*Adirondack Mt.*

Oct. 8, 1960

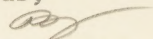
Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Numismatic Education Foundation  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Have found it necessary to resign my position with Fort William Henry and thought I best let you know, as the Thomas Machin coin which you loaned me for display is still in the museum.

The coin is no doubt safe enough but when you want it returned please notify the Fort Directly, if there is any problem I will be glad to assist you.

Regards,



Robert Lord